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SUBJECT: FSLN TRAINING CAMP IN COSTA RICA

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1. SOMOZA FAMILY NEWSPAPER NOVEDADES REPORTS ON JULY 26 THE CAPTURE NEAR SAN CARLOS OF A CAMPESINO WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN TRAINED IN WEAPONS USE IN COSTA RICA. SAN CARLOS WAS ATTACKED BY THE FSLN LAST OCTOBER AND AT LEAST SOME OF THE ATTACKERS FLED THE SHORT DISTANCE SOUTH ACROSS THE BORDER INTO COSTA RICA. THE GON ALLEGED AT THAT TIME THAT SOME OF THE ATTACKERS HAD BEEN TRAINED IN COSTA RICA AT THE FARM NEAR THE FRONTIER OF THE CORONEL KAUTZ FAMILY. RICARDO CORONEL KAUTZ LATER SURFACED AS ONE FO THE GROUP OF TWELVE.

2. THE NOVEDADES STORY STATES THAT THE CAPTURED CAMPESINO IS AN FSLN DESERTER WHO STATED HE HAD BEEN RECRUITED IN APRIL BY THE TERCERISTA FACTION OF THE FSLM TO
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ATTEND A WEAPONS TRAINING SCHOOL AT THE CORONEL KAUTZ HOME "LAS BRISAS" ABOUT AN HOUR'S DISTANCE ON FOOT FROM LOS CHILES ON THE COSTA RICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER.

3. THE REPORT CONCLUDES: "THE COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES ARE NOW ALERTED TO THE EXISTENCE OF THIS SUBVERSIVE CAMP AND ALSO THE EXISTENCE OF FOREIGNERS, PRINCIPALLY

CUBANS."

4. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE COUPLED WITH THE REPORT OF
RECENT FSLN ATTACKS (REFTEL) ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER,
INDICATES A RESURGENCE OF ATTENTION ON THE ISSUE OF
COSTA RICA BEING AN FSLN SAFEHAVEN AND LAUNCHING PAD
FOR ANTI-GON REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVISTS.TUCKER

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